IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image processing apparatus comprising:

a content determination unit that determines content of image processing to be applied to each of a plurality of image data;

an image processing unit that applies the image processing based on the content determined to corresponding image data; ~~and~~

a transmission unit that transmits the image data processed to an external unit; and

a color determination unit that performs color determination processing to determine whether the image data is color image data or monochrome image data.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, ~~further comprising a color determination unit that determines whether the image data is color image data or monochrome image data,~~ wherein

the content determination unit determines the content, based on a result of determination by the color determination unit.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, ~~further comprising a scanner unit that reads out the image data from a recording medium,~~ wherein

the content determination unit, the image processing unit, and the transmission unit operate independently of the scanner unit, in separate operation modes, respectively.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The image processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein

when the color determination unit determines that the image data is color image data,

the content determination unit determines the content to be a conversion of the color image

data into monochrome image data.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The image processing apparatus according to claim 2,

wherein when the color determination unit determines that the image data is monochrome

image data, the content determination unit determines the content to be a binarization of the

image data.

Claim 6 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein

the image processing includes compression processing, and

the content determination unit determines content of the compression processing

based on the result of the determination by the color determination unit.

Claim 7 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the image processing includes general format conversion to convert the image data

into image data that is available in a general information processing apparatus.

Claim 8 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the image processing includes color conversion processing, and

the content determination unit determines to perform the color conversion processing

based on the result of the determination by the color determination unit.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The image processing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the content determination unit changes a parameter for the color conversion processing for ~~each~~ respective image data.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The image processing apparatus according to ~~claim1~~ claim 1, wherein the image processing includes gamma correction processing.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The image processing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the content determination unit changes gamma correction data used for the gamma correction processing for ~~each~~ respective image data.

Claim 12 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image processing includes halftone processing.

Claim 13 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a correlation detecting unit that detects whether there is a correlation between a plurality of image data,

wherein the content determination unit determines to apply same image processing to the plurality of image data upon the correlation detecting unit detecting that there is the correlation.

Claim 14 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising an instruction reception unit that receives an instruction, which indicates execution of the same image processing to the plurality of image data, from a user,

wherein the content determination unit determines to apply the same image

processing to the plurality of image data upon the instruction reception unit receiving the

instruction.

Claim 15 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, further

comprising an instruction reception unit that receives instruction information indicating an

instruction from a user, wherein

the content determination unit determines the content of the image processing, based

on the instruction information for each image data.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The image processing apparatus according to claim

15, wherein

the image processing includes ~~background removal processing and~~ color space

conversion,

the instruction reception unit receives the instruction information on the background

removal processing for the image data, and

the content determination unit changes a parameter for the color space conversion

based on the instruction information.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The image processing apparatus according to claim

15, wherein

the image processing further includes gamma correction,

the instruction reception unit receives the instruction information on the background

removal processing for the image data, and

the content determination unit changes <u>an</u> input/output characteristic curve for the

gamma correction based on the instruction information.

Claim 18 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to claim 15, wherein

the image processing further includes halftone processing,

the instruction reception unit receives the instruction information on the background

removal processing for the image data, and

the content determination unit changes the content of the halftone processing based on

the instruction information.

Claim 19 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to claim 15, further

comprising a correlation detecting unit that detects whether there is a correlation between a

plurality of image data,

wherein the content determination unit determines to apply same image processing to

the plurality of image data upon the instruction reception unit receiving different instruction

information for each image data, and upon the correlation detecting unit detecting that there

is the correlation.

Claim 20 (Original): The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, further

comprising an image forming unit that forms an image on a recording medium based on the

image data after the image processing.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A method for image processing comprising:

determining content of image processing to be applied to each of a plurality of image

data;

applying the image processing based on the content determined to corresponding

image data; ~~and~~

transmitting the image data processed to an external unit<u>; and</u>

<u>determining whether the image data is color image data or monochrome image data</u>.

Claim 22 (Canceled).

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A computer readable recording medium ~~that~~

~~contains a computer program, the~~ <u>storing a</u> computer program making a computer execute:

determining content of image processing to be applied to each of a plurality of image

data;

applying the image processing based on the content determined to corresponding

image data; ~~and~~

transmitting the image data processed to an external unit<u>; and</u>

<u>determining whether the image data is color image data or monochrome image data</u>.

Claim 24 (New): An image processing system comprising:

an image processing apparatus, comprising

a content determination unit that determines content of image processing to be

applied to each of a plurality of image data,

an image processing unit that applies the image processing based on the

content determined to corresponding image data,

a transmission unit that transmits the image data processed to an external unit,

a color determination unit that performs color determination processing to

determine whether the image data is color image data or monochrome image data, and

the external unit that receives the processed image data from the transmission

unit.